

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected claims 50 and 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 50 and 70 have been amended to state "torque proof". Support for this amendment is found in the specification on page 16 line 16. The original term "rotationally fast" has been replaced with the term "torque proof". The term "rotationally fast" essentially means "torque proof" in that the term "fast" is defined as:

Fast: Firmly fixed

See *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, 1990 Merriam Webster, Inc.

Therefore, if an object is "rotationally fast" it is firmly fixed against rotation or "torque proof".

No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 45-49, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62, 65-69, 72-74, 76, 78, 80, 81, 83 and 86-87 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2016984 A to Berger.

Claims 61 and 81 have been amended to indicate that the plurality of transport elements are arranged successively in the guide path of the guide element. Support for this term is found in the drawings, particularly FIGS. 2, 3, 5, and 9. This feature is not shown in the above identified patent.

In particular, Berger discloses transport elements 2 which are only two opposed transport elements. In contrast, the present invention as claimed in claims 61 and 81 relates to guide elements which have a plurality of transport elements arranged successively in a guide path. In this case, with the present invention, because there are successive displaceable transport elements which are used to guide the wire, it leads to a system which results in substantially reduced friction as opposed to the design of Berger. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed in claim 1 is patentable over the above cited reference.

The Examiner has rejected claims 44, 64 and 82 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berger in view of GB 2174942 A to Sugiyama.

As stated above, claims 61 and 81 have been amended to state that the transport elements are successively and displaceably arranged in the guide path of the guide element.

Sugiyama does not disclose this feature either. Sugiyama discloses a chuck

having threads, it does not disclose transport elements at all. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed in claims 61 and 81 and the dependent claims including dependent claims 44, 64, and 82 are patentable over the above identified patents taken either singularly or in combination.

In conclusion, claims 61 and 81 have been amended. New claims 89-92 have also been added. Support for claims 89 and 91 is found in the specification on page 14 lines 5-7. Support for claims 90 and 92 is found in the specification on page 13 lines 24-26. No new matter has been added. Early allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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